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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS TO U.S.

1. SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY TOLD COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FEB 24
THAT MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HEUNIS WILL BE VISITING
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON IN EARLY MARCH. EMBASSY SAID
THAT HEUNIS, WHO HAS NOT VISITED WASHINGTON BEFORE,
MAY WANT MEET SOME OF HIS COUNTERPARTS HERE. THE
EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY
KREPS FOR HEUNIS ON MARCH 7 FOR A GENERAL EXCHANGE
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OF VIEWS. WORKING LEVEL OFFICERS AT COMMERCE HAVE
REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S OPINION ON PROPOSED VISIT,
BUT HAVEN'T DECIDED WHETHER THEY WILL RECOMMEND THAT
KREPS SEE HEUNIS.

2. DOES EMBASSY HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HEUNIS
VISIT AND PURPOSE OF CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS? DEPART-

MENT IS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY KREPS
MEET WITH HEUNIS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS
AMBASSADOR BOWDLER MAY HAVE ON SUBJECT. VANCE

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